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The "Evidence Appendix" and the "Related Proceedings Appendix" filed November 23, 2005 have been fully considered. The appendixes have been forwarded to the Board along with the Appellant's Reply Brief filed June 6, 2005. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R. Kruer whose telephone number is 571-272-1510. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney, can be reached at 571-272-1284.

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